Alabama

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Athens, Ala., Democrat
August 25, 1938

Preparing For Negro Fair Here Sept. 25th

Henry Redus, colored, secretary of the Limestone County Negro Fair Association, has been busy lately advertising the colored fair, which will be held the week of September 25, the actual fair dates being Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 29, 30 and October 1.

The secretary announces that he has contracted with Zambar's carnival as the midway attraction and has already been putting up lithographs in Fayetteville, Pulaski and other nearby towns.

Athens, Ala., Courier
October 6, 1938

Negro Fair Has A Successful Week

The Limestone County Colored Fair Association closed a most successful week on last Saturday night. The fair under the direction of Henry Redus, drew good crowds during the four days and was a success in point of exhibits and in financial returns. The negro people of Limestone County are proud of their annual fair and rally nobly to aid in making it worth while. They have confidence in Henry Redus, who is a credit to his race and enjoys the trust of many white. To him belongs the credit of restoring prestige to the fair association after some lean years.

The fair resolved itself into something like home-coming week many natives of the county coming from Cleveland, Chicago and other distant points to enjoy the event.

Arkansas

Fairs - 1938

AAA OFFICIAL TO TALK AT BLYTHEVILLE EVENT

Negro Exhibit Building Will Be Dedicated April 22

Special to The Commercial Appeal

BLYTHEVILLE, Ark., April 16.—With E. A. Miller, assistant director of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, as principal speaker, the Negro Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds here will be dedicated at 2 o'clock April 22.

The celebration, sponsored by the Mississippi County Negro Teachers' Association, the Council of Home Demonstration Women and the County Farmers' Association, will open with a parade through downtown Blytheville, led by the A. M. & N. College Band of Pine Bluff.

Other speakers include County Judge S. L. Galdish, L. H. Autry, president of the Mississippi County Farm Bureau; Dr. J. E. Walker, Ben F. Butler, Dr. C. M. Harwell, A. S. Rogers, Marian Williams and James P. Davis.

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Eastman, Ga., Times-Journal
October 20, 1938

Negroes Have Outstanding Exhibit at Fair

ONE OF THE outstanding exhibits at the Dodge County Fair is the Negro exhibit, gathered and arranged by Emery Thomas and Pauline Riggs, which is said to have been sponsored largely by colored residents of Mt. Olivet community. In the center of this exhibit is a big "Hurrah to the American Legion, Post 126," in appreciation of the Legion's splendid efforts in promoting this Fair.

Georgia

Fairs - 1938

Macon, Ga., News
October 3, 1938

CHAMPION LAYERS ENTERED AT FAIR

A. E. Guinn, Butler, to Show Fine White Leghorns at State Expo Here

A pen of champion egg layers was entered in the Georgia State Fair poultry show today, it was announced by E. Ross. Jordan, secretary-manager of the fair.

The entry was made by A. E. Guinn, Butler, whose white leghorn hens were prize winners in a recent state-wide contest sponsored by the State College of Agriculture, Athens. There were more than 100 hens in the contest, it was stated.

More space is being devoted to the poultry show this year, Mr. Jordan said.

"It looks like we will have the largest number of entries in this show in our history," he added.

Head of Poultry Show

D. F. Bruce, county agent here, is superintendent of the poultry show. The show committee is composed of R. F. Carswell, R. E. Ingham, R. W. Clark, Roy Thompson, Mr. Bruce and Mr. Jordan.

Plans are also being completed for the pigeon show, which was made an annual event in connection with the fair a few years ago.

Mr. Jordan announced that prizes totaling $110 will be awarded for a special breeders' display in the poultry show this year. These awards are in addition to the regular list of premiums.

To compete for the special prizes exhibitors must enter 10 birds of one variety and the display must consist of cock, hen, cockrel, pullet, trio and three other birds of either sex.

The fair is devoting a special section to the Negro poultry show, opened to Negro residents of Bibb county. County Agents H. S. Lee and Mamie L. Wesley will be in charge of this section.

The state fair opens on Monday, Oct. 17, and continues through Oct. 22.

Atlanta, Ga. Constitution
October 10, 1938

NEGRO FAIR SLATED.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Oct. 9.—The first negro fair to be held here in 20 years will be opened October 31 and continue two days. Many interesting exhibits are being planned under the leadership of the Rev. W. R. Mack, negro civic leader.

Augusta, Ga., Chronicle
October 18, 1938

Farm Exhibits to Feature Exchange Club's Fall Fair

Agricultural Products, Livestock, Poultry and 4-H Club Displays to Be Shown at Annual Festival Which Opens Gates for Week Monday

Featuring farm exhibits, livestock, poultry and 4-H club work, the 16th annual Exchange Club Fall Fair, which opens Monday morning for a six-day run, offers many valuable and attractive prizes in addition to scholarships to the summer 4-H club camp in Athens, to winners in the home demonstration club department.

These exhibits will be composed of attractive arrangements of canned vegetables, fruits, fruit juices, pickles and preserves. Miss Melba Sparks, home demonstration agent, will be in charge of the department again this fall.

A special Negro fair will be held the two days following the regular fair this year. Club officials announced that they have turned the grounds and equipment over to a civic-minded group of Negro citizens in order that they may stage the first Negro fair held in Augusta in the past 20 years.

This group has announced that their plans are virtually complete for the special fair which will be based on the same principals of the regular exposition.

School Superintendent S. D. Copeland has announced that school children in Richmond county will be given a special half-holiday in order that they might attend the fair.

All white school children will be free on the afternoon of Oct. 25, the second day of the fair while the Negro children will have the afternoon of Oct. 31, the first day of the Negro fair, free in order that they might go to the exposition.

Everything will be done to please the children on these two days, General Manager R. L. Sumerau Jr., said. Admission prices to all shows and rides will be sliced in half and all school children will be given tickets that will pass them by the gates.

FOOD PRESERVATION PROJECTS

1. Special Berry Exhibit (open only to first and second year girls). Consists of two quarts canned berries, two quarts berry juice and two pints berry jam.

Best exhibit, $1.50; Second best exhibit, $1.00; Six prizes, 50c each.

2. Tomato Exhibit open only to first and second year girls.) Consists of four quarts canned tomatoes and two pints chili sauce.

Best exhibit, $1.50; Second best exhibit, $1.00; Six prizes, 50c each.

3. Garden Exhibit (open to all except first year girls.) Consists of one quart jar canned tomatoes, one quart jar string beans, two pints soup mixture and two pints tomato catsup or chili sauce.

Best exhibit, $1.50; Second best exhibit, $1.00; Six prizes, 50c each.

4. Pear Exhibit (open to all except first year girls.) Consists of two quarts canned pears, two pints marmalade, conserve, or pear honey, two quart jars pear pickle or sliced pears.

Best exhibit, $1.50; Second best exhibit, $1.00; Six prizes, 50c each.

5. Vegetable Exhibit (open to all except first year girls.) Consists of three quart jars vegetables, at least two varities chosen from beans, beets, tomatoes or soup mixture and three pints vegetables, at least two varieties chosen from English peas, corn, carrots, pimientos, okra, or butter beans.

Best exhibit, $1.50; Second best exhibit, $1.00; Six prizes, 50c each.

6. Peach Exhibit (open to all execpt first year club girls.) Consists of two quart jars grape juice, two pint jars grape conserve or grape butter, and two pint jars grape mincemeat.

Best exhibit, $1.50; Second best exhibit, $1.00; Six prizes, 50c each.

8. Fig Exhibit (open to all except first year girls.) Consists of two quart jars canned figs, two pint jars fig conserve, two pint jars fig marmalade or jam.

Best exhibit, $1.50; Second best exhibit, $1.00; Six prizes, 50c each.

10. Jelly Exhibit (open to all except first year girls.) Consists of eight glasses of jelly of at least four varieties.

Best exhibit, $1.50; Second best exhibit, $1.00; Six prizes, 50c each.

11. Pickle Exhibit (open to all except first year girls.) Consists of one pint jar cucumber rings, one pint or quart jar watermelon rind pickle, one pint jar fig pickle, one quart jar peach or pear pickle, one quart jar whole cucumber pickles and one pint jar green tomato pickles.

Best exhibit, $1.50; Second best exhibit, $1.00; Six prizes, 50c each.

12. Special Jar Exhibit (open to all girls.) Only one jar to each girl.

Twenty prizes, 50c each.

RECORD OF 4-H CLUB WORK

Best 4-H Club Record Book, $1.50; Second best, $1.00; Third best, 50c.

Savannah, Ga., News
November 2, 1938

WHITE BLUFF IS WINNER AT FAIR

ALSO EMANUEL COUNTY

Liberty County Winner in Colored Exhibits

White Bluff won first place among the community and 4-H Club booth exhibits of agricultural and farm products at the Georgia-Carolina Agricultural Fair yesterday.

Emanuel county was first in the booth exhibits of counties. Bryan county was second and Laurens third.

Bloomingdale won second place in the community exhibits and Isle of Hope was third. Isle of Hope was second in the 4-H Club exhibits and Pooler third.

Judging was done by L. R. Lanier, district extension agent, Athens; Elmo Ragsdale, extension horticultural agent, Athens; and Jack Hart, county agent, Dublin.

Attending the fair and giving aid to the farm women and men in arranging their exhibits were A. J. Nitzschke, county agent; Mrs. L. E. Backus, home demonstration agent; and B. M. Prance, assistant county agent.

On hand at the fair also was R. Reid McNamara, manager of the Savannah Farmers Wholesale Market, and W. C. Carter, special county agent. The Farmers Market had an attractive booth.

In the negro 4-H Club exhibits, Liberty county won first place. Chatham county was second and Burke county third.

Large crowds turned out yesterday for the fair. It was school children's day, which brought out a horde of the young ones. The Midway shows continue to do a big business and the entertainment is attracting many to the fair grounds.

Augusta, Ga., Chronicle
November 2, 1938

INITIAL COLORED FAIR IS SUCCESS

30,000 Attend Two-Day Festival; Football Features Final Day

The first colored fair to be held in Augusta in the past 20 years closed last night after two days of successful showing that found some 30,000 persons streaming through the grounds gates for the festivities.

Two football games yesterday afternoon featured the final day of the all-colored fair that followed on the heels of the regular Exchange Club Fall Fair, which closed Saturday night after a six-day's showing.

All county colored school children were honored with a children"s day program Monday and some 15,000 fair-goers attending the openin; services.

All-Negro Fair Closes At Augusta

Early work

AUGUSTA, — (SNS) — The first all Negro fair held here in 20 years came to a colorful [illegible] week. Sponsored by the [illegible] Club of Augusta, more than 30,000 persons attended the fair.

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Augusta, Ga., Chronicle
October 31, 1938

Colored Fair Opens Today; Football Games Tomorrow

Two Contests Scheduled on Fair Grounds—Special Sections Arranged for White People—Attendance Mark Pleases Exchange Club Officials

Officials of the Exchange Club Fall Fair last night made final plans for opening today of the first Colored Fair ever held in Augusta, at the same time announcing that attendance at the fair which closed Saturday night surpassed all previous records.

Robert Lee Sumerau, Jr., general chairman of the exposition, said approximately 80,000 persons had passed through the gates last week, bettering the mark of last year.

Pleased with that record, officials of the fair turned over all exhibits intact to a committee of Negro citizens who will direct the Colored Fair, lasting two days.

Today all Negro school children will be admitted free to the fair grounds following a parade at noon in which hundreds are expected to participate. Several addresses, one by Mayor Allen, will precede opening of the grounds.

It also was announced that two football games will be played at the fair grounds tomorrow at noon, one between Walker Institute of Augusta and Schofield High of Aiken, and the other between Haines Institute and Bettis Academy.

Officials have arranged seating facilities around the parking lot on the grounds and have designated special sections for white people.

It also was announced that Negro officials of the fair have arranged to provide entertainment for all underprivileged Negro children, seeing that they attend all shows and enjoy all rides free at the fair.

Augusta, Ga., Chronicle
November 1, 1938

Fair for Colored Citizens Opens Amid Gala Ceremony

Thousands Throng Midway After Opening Exercises; Football to Feature Today's Program; All Exhibits to Remain in Place Today

The first colored fair to be held in Augusta in the past 20 years opened yesterday afternoon with gala ceremonies that featured special speakers, a parade, a colored children's day and a record one-day attendance.

Over 15,000 patrons swarmed through the Exchange club fair ground gates to partake of the day's lively program of amusement and entertainment.

The two-day fair, which follows on the heels of the Exchange club's 16th annual fall fair, which was the most successful and greatest in its colorful history, will close tonight, but not before thousands of colored fair-goers and visitors have a last-minute swing around the midway and take in the many educational and attractive exhibits and displays.

A doubleheader football program, which will feature games between Walker Institute and Schofield High, of Aiken, S. C. and Haines Institute and Bettis Academy of Trenton, will be staged this afternoon on a field inside the grounds. The first game will start at 12:30 o'clock while the second will begin at 3 o'clock.

Rev. W. R. Mack, prominent Augusta colored minister and leader, is in charge of the colored fair and activities. He was lauded by Exchange club officials last night for the lively program and entertainment that marked the opening of the colored fair.

Judge A. L. Franklin, of Superior court, represented the county at the opening exercises at the fair grounds while William T. Gary, city attorney, and General Manager R. L. Sumerau Jr. represented the city and Exchange club respectively. Band music, school children parades and other activities made the premier showing of the special exposition the liveliest ever held here.

Fair officials have announced that all underprivileged children will be feted at the fair this afternoon with a special program at 4 o'clock.

All exhibits will remain in the display booths throughout today for visitors while the mammoth Johnny J. Jones Exposition, midway attraction for the regular fair, will provide the rides and shows.

Augusta, Ga., Chronicle
October 24, 1938

Exchange Club Annual Fall Fair Opens to Public This Afternoon

Exposition Hailed as Best in 16 Years of History—Carnival Folk Already in Town—School Children Reign at Special Day Tomorrow

BY HARRY GAGE
Chronicle Staff Writer

The 16th annual Exchange Club Fall Fair, hailed as the best in the history of the Augusta civic club, will opened its gates this afternoon at the club fair grounds at Old Warren park.

For eight days the fair will hold sway with the finest exhibitions of farm products, livestock, 4-H club displays, merchants' displays and educational and interesting exhibits open for the thousands of fair-goers expected to visit the exposition this year.

Scores of carnival folk, their autos and trailer-homes, began arriving yesterday as a vanguard to the mammoth Johnny J. Jones Exposition, the midway attraction again this year, which will present its hundreds of shows and rides for the pleasure of visitors.

The regular club fair will begin today and last through Saturday. A civic-minded group of prominent Negro leaders will take over the fair Monday for the first colored fair to be held here in the past 20 years. This feature will last two days.

Richmond County school children will reign supreme at the fair on Tuesday while the colored children will be given a free hand on the first day of their special show.

County School Superintendent S. D. Copeland has granted white children a half-holiday on their day and the colored children a similar vacation the first day of their fair in order that they may attend the many educational shows.

General Manager R. L. Sumerau who is directing the fair for his fourth consecutive year, has announced that the slogan this year is "Conservation, Cultivation and Education." He said that everything possible is being done to carry out each separate phase of the slogan.

Lester S. Moody, secretary of the Augusta Chamber of Commerce and Dewey H. Johnson, president of the Twin-States Livestock association, said that practically every county in the 26-county organization will enter livestock and cattle in the exposition this year.

Club officials have already announced cash awards totalling approximately $1,500 for winners in the livestock poultry and swine exhibits. They said that this phase of the fair this year will surpass every previous show.

The agricultural, county and community exhibits will be under the direction of County Agent Bright McConnell and Miss Melba Sparks, home demonstration agent. These exhibits will remain at the fair during the eight days.

One of the most attractive exhibits in the show will be the canned fruits and vegetables displays by 4-H club workers and demonstration clubs. Cash awards are awaiting the champion jars of various canned fruits, jams, jellies, preserves, marmalades, fruit juices, beans, beets, tomatoes, soup mixtures, peas, corn, carrots, pimientos, okra and butter beans.

The two main attractions of the midway will be the fireworks display each night and the sensational four-star free act by the famous Deteros Sensation, an aerial troupe of imported actors and artists.

Louisiana

Fairs – 1938

New Orleans, La., Times-Picayune
September 18, 1938

NEGRO STATE FAIR JUBILEE PLANNED

The negro state fair to be held at the Jefferson race track September 21-26, inclusive, will be designated as the diamond jubilee, celebrating the signing of the emancipation proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln, Rev. Walter Scott Chinn, president of the Negro State Fair Association, announced Saturday.

The fair, he said, will feature the progress made by the negro race in America along religious, educational, business, agricultural and other lines.

Mississippi.

Fairs—1938

Yazoo, Miss. Sentinel
June 10, 1938

Negro Fair Set October 10 to 14

Buckeye State Carnival Will Furnish Amusement For Midway

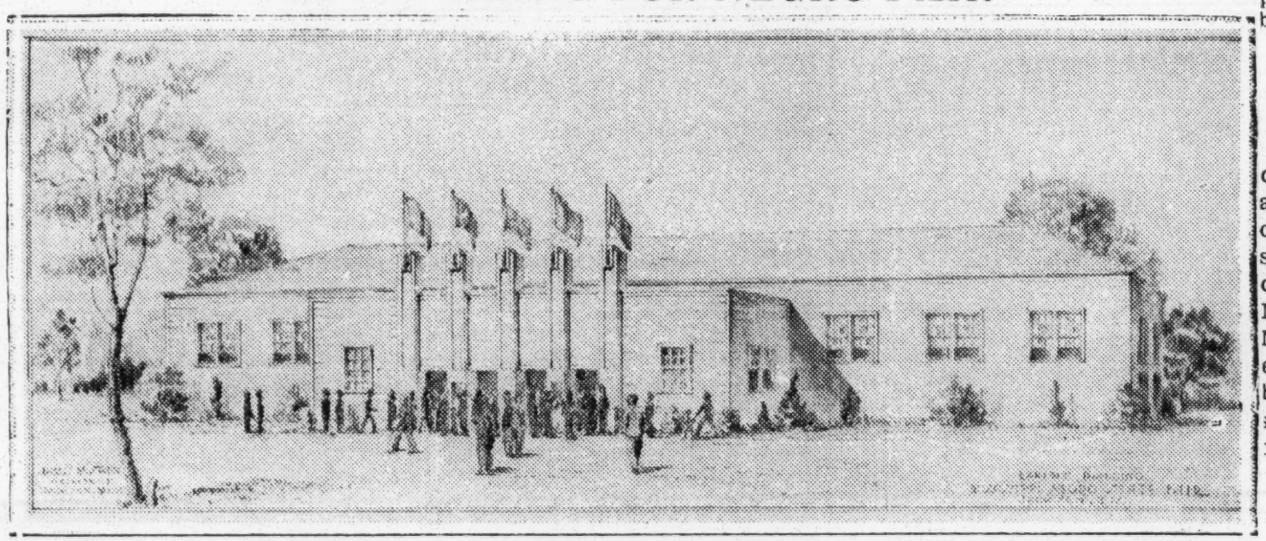
Yazoo County's negro fair will be held the week of October 10 to 15, it was announced here this week. Material for the catalog is being turned over to the printers now, and indications are that this year's event will establish a new record for both entries and awards.

The Buckeye State Carnival has been engaged to furnish the midway attractions, and advance reports describe it as one of the best shows on the road.

R. J. Pierce and T. J. Huddleston, Jr., are promoters of the annual fair.

Jackson, Miss., News
July 30, 1938

NEW BUILDING FOR NEGRO FAIR



Pictured above is the architect's idea of the proposed $15,000 building for the Mississippi Negro State Fair, to be located through the cooperation of the Works Progress Administration and citizens of Jackson and Hinds county on the negro fairgrounds, Pocahontas road.

Jackson, Miss., News
September 11, 1938

NEGRO FETES NOT JOINED

Officials of the Mississippi negro State Fair here issued a statement Saturday disclaiming any connection between the annual exposition and the proposed celebration October 17-21 of "Seventy-Five years of negro progress in Mississippi."

The following statement was issued, containing the signatures o H. M. Harris, president of the fai organization, H. H. Young, secretary, Jas. W. Wilson, general manager, and W. H. Randolph, chairman of the board of directors:

For the past eleven years an annual exposition has been staged b a duly chartered organization and this event is known as the Mississippi Negro State Fair. These annual expositions have been held o the grounds owned by the organization—Bailey Avenue Park, Pocahontas Road, Jackson, Mississippi—and during this time the effort of this organization have met with favorable cooperation from the entire citizenry of the City of Jackson, Hinds county and the State o Mississippi. At this time, preparations are going forward for the staging of the Twelfth Annual Exposition of the Mississippi Negro State Fair, Oct. 17-22, 1938 and at the same place.

The Mississippi Negro State Fair takes this means of informing the general public that the Seventy-Five years of Progress Celebration here Oct 17-21 has no connection whatsoever, with the Mississipp Negro State Fair.

Indianola, Miss. Enterprise
September 22, 1938

COLORED FAIR ASSOCIATION TO BE ORGANIZED

Sunflower County Colored Fair Association, the Vocational Agricultural teachers, County Farm Agent and a group of farmers of Sunflower County met at the Indianola colored school Sept. 7 to discuss the possibilities of organizing a fair association. Professor M. C. Dukes opened the meeting with an explanation of its purpose. After several enthusiastic talks had been made, a vote was taken to decide on a permanent organization. After a unanimous vote the following officers were elected: President, J. B. Lee; Vice-President, A. R. Walker, secretary, W. L. Eiland; assistant secretary, Robert Olive; treasurer, J. Hull; manager, M. C. Dukes; chairman of the executive board, David Capshan with members as follows: A. G. Gordan, C. R. Fletcher, J. H. Turnipseed and Lloyd Jones. Lillian P. Rogers was elected publicity agent.

The object of this fair is to encourage a back-to-the-farm movement, to foster a live-at-home program and to acquaint the public with the various activities being carried on to improve living conditions generally among negroes of Sunflower County.

McComb, Miss. Enterprise
September 29, 1938

PIKE COLORED PEOPLE ARE TO HAVE EXHIBITS

The colored people's division of the Pike county free fair, opening in McComb Wednesday, October 5, will be under supervision of George W. Bryant, Pike county's colored farm agent, and Eva Gordon, colored home demonstration agent.

Many cash prizes are offered in this division, with a silver plated, gold lined loving cup offered for the best community exhibit. Cash awards of $7.50 will go to each meriterious community exhibit. Space will be provided for each community having an organized club to enter an exhibit.

Included in the cash prize exhibits will be farm exhibits in the boys' 4-H club department; garden-canning, clothing, home improvement, and poultry in the girls' 4-H club department; household arts and needlework, and food preservation in the colored women's department; food preservation, food and nutrition, clothing, and home improvement in the colored women's home demonstration club department.

NEGRO FAIR IS OPENED

Mississippi State Exhibition Is Under Way At Jackson

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 17.—The Mississippi State Negro Fair opened its amusement booths, agricultural and culinary exhibits for a week of exposition here today.

Exhibits from Hinds County as well as from several other sections of the state are on display, showing what farm students and farmers are doing under planned farm programs and how the women are perfecting a live-at-home practice by preserving and canning.

Sardis, Miss. Reporter
October 14, 1938

COLORED FAIR A SUCCESS

The Colored Fair was quite a success and showed rapid progress among the colored people in the art of canning. fancy work, poultry and stock raising. The fancy work under the supervision of Annie Mae Morgan and the canning under Mabel Thomas, county agent, was excellent. They hope next year to have a bigger and better fair. We should do all we can to encourage our colored friends in this fine work.

Yazoo, Miss. Sentinel
October 7, 1938

Negro Fair To Open October 10

Buckeye State Shows Will Furnish Amusement For The Midway

Yazoo County negroes will open their fair next Monday morning October 10, and the big annual event will continue all week. Increased interest has been shown in all exhibits, and forecasts at this early date are that it will be one of the best ever staged here.

Along the midway attractions will be put on by the Buckeye Shows, a very fine carnival company, which comes here highly recommended.

One of the features of the week will be a football game between Alcorn College and the Leland College team of Baker Louisana This game will be played on Friday.

Fletcher Henderson and his Grand Terrace orchestra will furnish the music for the annual dance.

A 62-piece band from Alcorn College, headed by Pres. William H. Bell, will be on hand for the big football game.

Yazoo City, Miss. Herald
October 11, 1938

Buckeye Shows At Yazoo Negro Fair

Resume Of Attractions Given By Reporter In "Carnival Chatter"

A close-up of the attractions at the Yazoo County Negro Fair as presented by "Buckeye Star Reporter" follows:

First one sees Doc Green's minstrels, who sure do send, and how. It's their "gwie-ings on" that make you laugh, and it's that Dixieland swing and those deep moanin' blues that will bring their patrons back again and again.

The argument over Santiata, the headless woman, grows every time a new person sees her. There is a $1,000 guarantee that she is alive, and although unbelievable, she is as truly alive as any of you.

There's going to be big doings and somebody hurt (in their pride at least) at the athletic show. Kid Mitchell, 165-pounder, challenges all comers. Working with him is Rudolph "Hotel" Swazer, who told this reporter that if any local wrestler would get in the ring with him he wouldn't stay in the county because "Hotel" would check him out right now

There's a creature on the midway that has the head of a girl and the body of a snake. Seems like there's something wrong, but she's alive and will talk to you.

That some people can stand more pain than others is known, but the amount of sheer torture Haba-Haba must inflict on himself in one evening should satisfy all the dark gods for a month. He dances with bare feet on broken glass, eats fire and breaks huge spikes with his teeth.

Neasia, the astrologist, won't say a word about her clients herself, but many are the tales one hears of her advice saving this business and that marriage.

Midway musings: Most things have an end, but a midway goes 'round and 'round forever. Thrillingest ride is the Tilt-a-Whirl. All the world lover a lover, and all lovers love the ferris wheel. We used to call it the merry-go-round, but now kiddies say the "flying horses." It just shows the progress of aviation. Anyway, it's still a good ride and tops with all the kids. Hope to see you along the midway at the Yazoo Negro Fair.

Jackson, Miss., News
October 27, 1938

NEGRO FAIR'S RECORD BEST; AWARDS GIVEN

Sixty counties, with exhibits generally 100 per cent better than in any previous year, and with the best 4-H Club exhibits of all-time were represented in the twelfth annual Mississippi State Negro Fair which has just been concluded here.

Over 300 exhibits of canning and food preservation represented keen rivalry between 4-H Club girls and home demonstration women, fair superintendents said. The 4-H clubs also exhibited clothing, rugs footstools, breads, cakes and record books, which showed marked improvement over last year's exhibits

Eight counties offered exhibits in home management, practical for the smallest farms. Noxubee and Monroe tied for first place with exhibits showing clothing and other useful articles made from produce and food sacks.

Tallahatchie won second place with a demonstration of the program necessary to feed the family on home products. Grenada won third place with a "Move Your Garden Into Your Pantry," display, and Washington county's "Inexpensive Furnishings for Rural Homes" took fourth place. Coahoma's "A Modern Front Yard," and Lowndes "A Modern Rear Yard" won fifth and sixth places. Oktibbeha's "A Dairying Unit" placed seventh.

The special canning contest exhibit was culmination of a statewide contest in food preservation in which 11,505 rural women participated under the supervision of home demonstration agents. Winners were as follows: First place, Jeanette Harrold, Washington Co., second place Sable Morris, Leflore county, third place, Mary Ellen Shelby, Jones county, fourth place, Lula Mae Perry, Leflore county, fifth place Penina Perry, Leflore county, sixth place, Anna G. Mosley, Jackson county, seventh place, Idelle James, Jackson county, eighth place, Weador Little, Washington county, ninth place, B. McLaurin, Leflore county, tenth place, Lula D. Kelly, Lowndes county.

4-H Club clothing contest: First place Esther Chess, Washington county, second place, Marie Marshall, Washington county, third place, Lonnie Steward, Monroe county, fourth place Viola Glass Bolivar county, fifth place, Vernetta Jordan, Bolivar county, sixth place, Dorothy King, Grenada county.

The Quilt Display, representing fireside industry of rural women, was a great attraction of the fair. There were 52 quilts in the exhibit, and some sold for prices ranging from $7 to $25. Many of the women clothe their children entirely through sale of their quilts.

Attala county's educational booth on pure bred cattle won first prize in the county exhibits. In the community contest, Hinds county's booth took first, Hanner White, individual booth, took first, while Rankin county and A. W. Kimbrough took second prizes. The Covington county Hope Well N. F. A. chapter took first prize, and Leake county's N. F. A. chapter took second.

In the 4-H corn contest, the following winners were named: Pike county—Jesse James, Jr., first Bolivar county — Robert Shorps second. Hinds county — third Humphrey — Charles Beasley, fourth. Scott county, Phelix Mitchell, fifth. Rankin, sixth. Humphry seventh, Leo Eddings, James Reed, eighth. Rankin, ninth. Bolivar, Johnnie L. Neal, tenth. Pike, T. L. Patterson, tenth. Scott, Rosie L. Mitchell, twelfth.

In the Hinds county 4-H Club contests, the following were winners:

Pertha Barker, first prize on Rhode Island chickens, Ruby Clinton, second prize on Rhode Island chickens; Hazel Stamps, second on chickens; Percy Cater, second prize on pigs; Thomie L. Bishop, first prize on peanuts; Sterling Bishop, second prize on peanuts; Fred Mason, first prize on potatoes; Andrew Tripp, second prize on chickens.

In the general exhibits, the following won:

D. L. Speech, first prize on corn; Richard Thurman, second prize on corn; Charlie Cook, second prize on 10 ears of corn; T. J. Hicks, first prize on pumpkin; O. D. Johnson, second prize on pumpkin; Inez Davis, second prize on string beans; Inez Davis, second prize on canned peas; Inez Davis, second prize on canned peaches; Charlie Cook, second prize on peanuts; Charlie Cook, second prize on potatoes; Charlie Cook, second prize on watermelon.

Ben Ackon, first prize on manual training; Lewis Wallace, second prize on axe handle; Charlie Cook, first prize on Rhode Island Red; Bessie Mays, second prize on Rhode Island Red; George Barker, second prize on potatoes; Bessie Mae, second prize on Ancona pullets; Mrs. Hazel Stamps, second prize on Wyandotts; Paretha Mae Barker, 4-H Club first prize Wyandotts; Ruby Clinton, 4-H Club second prize Wyandotts; Andrew Tripp, second prize White Buff; Lynch street, Club, second prize; Art Appreciation Club, first prize; 12 Art Club, second prize.

Praise for the fair's success goes to M. H. Harris president, H. H. Young secretary, H. C. Chapman advertising agent.

Fairs - 1938

Mississippi.

Brandon, Miss. News
October 27, 1938

Negro Fair To Open Gates Today

Community Booths, 4-H Club Exhibits and General Farm and Home Displays Ready for Inspection. Hundreds Expected to Attend.

Rankin County's first county-wide Negro Fair opens this morning at Pelahatchie for a busy three-day showing of farm and home exhibits, livestock, poultry, community exhibits and 4-H club work.

Of special interest will be the cmomunity booths, which will be ready for inspection when the gates swing open. Several of the most progressive communities are competing for the cash prizes, which range from $7 for first place to $3 for fifth prize.

Exhibits of both boys' and girls' 4-H Clubs will command attention. The girls will exhibit clothing, needlework, canned vegetables, fruits, preserves, pickles, jellies and food, while the boys' exhibits will consist of livestock, corn, beans, potatoes, peanuts, cotton, and poultry.

Then there will be the general exhibits for the farmers and housewives, which will consist of much the same products as will be found in the 4-H club displays, foods, canned products, and sewing for the women, and livestock, general crop exhibits and poultry for the men.

All exhibits will be in place Thursday except livestock. No livestock placed after Friday 11 a. m. will be eligible to compete for prizes, however. All prizes will be announced and the awards made Saturday afternoon.

Friday is school day. All schools in the county will be dismissed in order that the students may partitipate in the parade scheduled for 12 o'clock noon Friday.

A varied program of amusement has been arranged. Several ball games are scheduled, and in all probability a carnival will be on hand when the opening gong sounds.

Robert E. Lee, county agent, Ada B. Adams, home agent, and James McCal, fair president, are cooperating in carrying out the program.

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Yazoo, Miss. Sentinel
January 11, 1938

Fix Dates For '38 Negro Fair

Farm Agents Are Making Plans For Success Of Annual Agri. Show

October 10-15 were decided upon as the dates for the 1938 Yazoo County Negro Fair, officers of the Association announced today.

The negro county farm agent and the demonstration agent have already begun making plans and organizing farm and home clubs in order to insure the best possible show next fall.

Much of the success of the past fairs, officers of the association stated, was due to the services of the agents, who have contributed much to the betterment of the negro farm and the improvement of his farm profits.

Macon, Miss. Beacon
October 7, 1938

16th Annual Colored Fair Shows Decided Improvement Over Any Previous Fair

Enthusiasm and cooperation marks the opening of the Noxubee County Colored Fair on Tuesday as was evidenced by the large crowd of colored people who were on the streets to see the parade at two o'clock.

Fair officials were outspoken in their praise of the splendid work of club members and communities this year. The nine floats which were a feature of the parade represented more communities and clubs than any time in the last ten years.

Every booth at the agricultural building was taken and the exhibits were exceptionally fine and the thought developed in each booth was good. Macon won first place with a modern kitchen. The attraction in this booth was the sink cabinet constructed out of orange boxes. The work was done by a cabinet maker and it is hardly possible to believe that such a neat job could be done with so little material unless you could see it. The kitchen also showed a modern gasoline range and neatly set tables, etc.

Shuqualak won second place with a ber room arrangement. All the curtains, bed spreads, and home made articles were made from sugar and flour sacks. A corner-curtained closet was pointed out as another necessity for a neat room; an oil bedroom heater was attractive and the dresser and chair carried out similar ideas of making the most of what you have, but with lots of forethought and careful planning and workmanship.

Harrison Grove Club which is a prize winning club each year won3rd place. The booth was centered with steps on which were pasted some of the things necessary to a useful and happy life. They were illustrated with handdrawn pictures done by Aretha Harrison of that club. In one corner of the booth was arranged a homemade shower bath with curtain which was very original and splendid. Other neatly aranged washstands, water coolers, and novel homemade articles completed the booth.

The 4-H Club featured two booths this year; one for cooking and canning and the other, a small booth, for sewing.

The Noxubee County Council also featured a booth and every article exhibited was made from sacks. This booth was very interesting and instructive.

The quality of the canning exhibit showed marked improvement. There were two food preservation club booths, Brooksville and New Hope, with over 100 cans in each one. It is very gratifying to the club leaders and the home agent to see the response to this department of the exhibits and to have such a large display.

Louisville, Miss. Jounal
October 14, 1938

NEGRO NEWS

On Thursday Sept. 29, Mt. Sinai community held their Community Fair. A reasonable amount of both farm and home exhibits were on hand even though there came a strong rain and wind storm which beyond any doubt cut off the attendance. The exhibits were scored by Miss S. O. Jones, H. E. teacher of the W. C. T. S. The program of the night was highly enjoyed and a nice crowd was present. Prof. J. A. Jackson, the Principal, W. C. T. S., gave a fine talk.

Have Your Child Vaccinated

There is a nurse serving Winston County from the State Board of Health. Mrs. Reagen is a white nurse who is also glad to vaccinate you or your children against Diphtheria and Typhoid Fever. She will give also helpful suggestions about your health. You owe it to your self as well as your children to follow such health instructions Why not follow her instructions? I urge every colored mother or father to cooperate and help cut the diseases here in our county.

Attend Kosciusko Negro County Fair

The people of Kosciusko are inviting the adjoining counties to visit ther County Fair Oct. 24-29, and bring some exhibits. Plans are under way to visit the fair one day. I am anxious to have as many from Winston County visit and enjoy the fair as well as see what fine cooperation has brought to other counties. We need that same cooperation here in our county, to put over a County Fair I have spoken for a bus to make a one day trip over there. The rates are cheap. If you are interested in making the trip please drop by the office and make arrangements by leaving your name I wish all community leaders as well as club officers and 4-H Club members could arrange to attend We plan to attend Friday, Oct. 28.

4-H Club Corn Exhibit at Negro State Fair in Jackson Oct. 17-22

All 4-H Club boys who have corn projects and who wish to place 10 ears of your best corn on exhibit in Jackson, at the Negro State Fair, please send or bring the 10 ears in to me by Saturday Oct. 15. You may win one of the prizes.

M. E. DEAN,
Negro County Demonstra.

Yazoo, Miss. Sentinel
October 7, 1938

Henderson Plays For Colored Fair

Famous Negro Orchestra Will Furnish Music At Annual Dance

Fletcher Henderson, colored king of swing and writer of his famous radio theme song, "Christopher Columbus," brings his nationally popular radio, recording and dance band to Yazoo City for an engagement of one night on Oct. 14 through arrangements completed today with Consolidated Radio Artists, Inc. by the Yazoo Negro Fair Association.

Fletcher, famed as a composer arranger, and pianist, has surrounded himself by a fine aggregation of fourteen musicians who enjoy national popularity as swing music exponents through their nightly broadcasts over the NBC network from Ted Fox famed Grand Terrace in Chicago's Harlem. Nightly during the past year the "Sepia King of Swing" and his orchestra have played to a turnaway business at the Grand Terrace and the radio fan mail for this popular colored leader has grown by leaps and bounds.

The excellence of Henderson's music is so well known there is no need for further elaboration. He is a graduate of Atlantic University. He studied chemistry in New York and then took up music as a profession, playing piano in nationally popular band.

When the vogue for swing music came in, Henderson, almost overnight, won national fame with his rhythmic radio theme song "Christopher Columbus." The band has made many phonograph recordings for Victor, Decca, and Vocalion companies. His version of their radio theme "Christopher Columbus" has been one of the country's most popular recordings.

Jackson, Miss. News
October 10, 1938

NEGROES PLAN FAIR OCT. 17

Jackson negroes are planning the biggest, best and most decorative parade ever held in the history of the negro state fair when it opens here October 17 for an entire week.

Reflecting the progress of the people, and realizing the importance of the educational value of the fair, the Mississippi Negro Fair Association has extended an invitation to all negroes in the state to take part in the opening day parade.

Social, fraternal and business organizations of Jackson are asked to participate in the parade. Floats or cars are requested, and school children are invited to march in the parade.

J. E. McNeamee, 143 E. Monument street, will have charge of the parade. It will form on Grayson at George street, moving to State street on to Capitol, to Farish, to Monument, to Bailey and then to the fairgrounds.

The parade will be held at 1 :30 o'clock Monday morning and will open the fair on the Pocahontas road.

Yazoo City, Miss. Herald
October 14, 1938

Yazoo Negro Fair Most Interesting

Splendid Exhibits By Colored People At Annual Fair

Fine attendance and an abundance of good clean fun and splendid exhibits marked the opening of the sixth annual Yazoo County Negro Fair here Tuesday. Special compliments are due the fair association and Joe Galler, general manager of the Buckeye State Shows for the high quality of the midway attractions.

Stellar attraction of the show is Santiata, the headless woman. How she lives without a head is a mystery, despite the elaborate explanations of her attendants. As one of them said, "If it's a trick it's a good one." The $1,000 posted reward is plenty of assurance that she actually is alive.

Doc Green's famous minstrels is another attraction which really attracts a lot of people.

The popularity contest Thursday night excited a lot of interest. All together, the Yazoo County Negro Fair was an event of interest, instruction and pleasure.

Canton, Miss. Herald
October 28, 1938

MONDAY IS OPENING DAY OF NEGRO FAIR

Big Parade Staged for Tuesday—Exhibits Being Placed, Boxing and Other Attractions

The Madison County Negro Fair will open Monday, October 31st. That will be general arrangement day. The big parade will take place at noon Tuesday.

Tuesday is also "Hog Show" and "Founders' Day." A boxing bout has been arranged for Tuesday night.

Wednesday will be the day for horse racing, stunt riding and another boxing bout. These events will also be on the program for Thursday and Friday.

Saturday is closing day and the day on which the many premiums offered will be awarded.

The officers of the Fair Association are: Sam Mackie, president; L. M. Tolliver, secretary; Louis Williams, treasurer; Wm. Whiting, general manager.

Merchants have cooperated with the enterprising negroes who have arranged for the Fair by giving premiums on various exhibits. The management requests that the paper call attention to a prize omitted from the printed list, of a dish pan given by the Cooke Hardware & Furniture Company.

The officers and directors of the Fair cordially invite their white friends to attend the Fair.

Jackson, Miss. Daily Clarion Ledger
October 27, 1938

Negro State Fair Awards Announced By Officials

Mississippi's Seventh Annual Negro State Fair which closed here recently, was described yesterday by sponsors and officials as the most successful exposition yet held in Jackson.

With announcement of prize winners, officials stated that exhibits this year were 100 per cent better than in any previous year.

Noxubee and Monroe counties tied for first place in the home management displays, showing visitors plans whereby the systems might be worked out on the smallest farms at little or no cost.

Tallahatchie county was second with a "live-at-home" booth; Grenada county was third with a "move your garden into your pantry" booth; Washington county won fourth place with a booth on "inexpensive furnishings for rural homes"; fifth place went to Coahoma county for a display on "a modern front yard;" sixth place was taken by Lowndes on "a modern rear yard", and Oktibbeha county annexed seventh place with "a dairying unit".

The special canning contest culminated a state-wide food preservation contest among 11,505 rural women of the state. Winners follows:: :

First place, Jeanette Harrold Washington county; second place Sable Morris, Leflore county; third place, Mary Ellen Shelby, Jones county; fourth place, Lula Mae Perry, Leflore county; fifth, Penina Perry, Leflore; sixth, Anna G Mosley, Jackson county; seventh Idelle James, Jackson county; eiththh, Weador Little, Washington county; ninth, B. McLaurin, Leflore county; tenth, Lula D. Kelley, Lowndes county.

4-H Club winners in the canning contest were, first, Esther Chess, Washington county; second, Marie Marshall, Washington; third, Lonnie Stewart, Monroe county; fourth Viola Glass, Bolivar county; fifth, Vernetta Jordan, olivar county; sixth place, Dorothy King, Grenada county.

A quilt display, representing the fireside industries among the rural women, was the greatest attraction of the fair, officials stated. Over 52 women had entries in the contest, which included Dresden plate double-wedding rings, Japanese flower gardens, grandmother's flower garden and many other widely-known designs.

Hinds county's community booth put on by the Utica Institute, won first prize with Rankin second. In individual competition, the Banner white display won first place with A. W. Kimbrough, second. Covington county was first in the N. F. A. chapter booth while Leake county took second place.

In the 4-H club corn exhibits participated in by 15 counties, the following prizes were awarded::

Pike county, Jessie James, Jr., first; Bolivar, Robert Shorps, second; Hinds, third; Humphreys Charles Beasley, fourth; Scott Phelix Mitchell, fifth; Rankin county, sixth; Humphries, Leo Eddings seventh; James Reed, eighth; Rankin county, ninth; Bolivar, Jennie L. Neal, tenth; Pike, T. L. Patterson, eleventh; Scott, Rosie L. Mitchell, twelfth.

Winners in the Hinds county livestock class follows: Pertha Barker, first prize on Rhode Island chickens; Ruby Clinton, second on Rhode Island chickens; Lenzo Mays, ribbon on mixed chickens; Hazel Stamps, second on mixed chickens; Percy Cater, second on pigs; Andrew Trip, second on chickens.

Thomie L. Bishop won first place on peanuts with Sterling second. Fred Mason won first place on potatoes.

Winners of the general exhibits include J. D. Speech, first prize on corn; Richard Thurman, second on corn; Charlie Cook, second on ten ears corn; T. J. Hicks, first on pumpkin; O. D. Johnson, second on pumpkin; Inez Davis, second on string beans, canned peas and canned peaches; Charlie Cook, second on peanuts, potatoes and watermelons; Ben Ackon, first on manual training; Lewis Wallace, second on ax handle; Charlie Cook, first on Rhode Island Red; Bessie Mays, second on Rhode Island Red, and George Barker, second on potatoes.

Bessie May, second on pullets; Hazel Stamps, second on Wyandotte hens; Paretha Mae Barker, first prize on Wyandotte; Ruby Clinton, 4-H club second prize on Wyandotte; Andrew Tripp, second on White Buff; Lynch Street club, second; Art Appreciation club, first prize; Just Twelve Art club, second prize.

Columbia, Miss Columbian-Progress
November 3, 1938

Marion Negro Fair Oct. 28 Is Success

The following is a list of firms and individuals who contributed prizes to the Negro Fair, held October 28th:

Rankin Co., Lampton Co., Columbia Bank, Citizens Bank, Polk & Brinson Russell Wholesale Co., B. & F. Grocery, Jordan's Grocery, Trading Post Hill Hardware Co., Pearl River Ice Cream Co., J. V. Petro's Market, J V. Clower, Walker-Burrow Drug Co. Dr. S. E. Lawrence & Sons, Page's Ladies' Store, Polar Ice Co., Carp's J. & W. Store, Rankin's Specialty Shop, Walker Chain Store, Style Shop, Morgan & Lindsey, Reliance Mfg. Co., City Dry Cleaners, Jus-Rite Cleaners, Hi-Class Cleaners, Quin Drug Co., Coca-Cola Bottling Co., A & P. Store, Nickle Store, Flynt Wholesale Co., Colbert-Brinson, Harris Drug Co., Skipper Chevrolet Co., W. E Thomas Store, The Watts Co., Allied Motor Co., Dr. C. C. Thompson, Miss Power Co., Supt. J. C. Broom, Broad Street Service Station, Board of Aldermen, Chamber of Commerce, Police Force, and The Columbian-Progress.

We a[illegible] this method of thanking the various business firms and individuals who cooperated with us in making the fair a success. Had it not been for the fine spirit shown us by them, the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Aldermen, Police Force, and the County Superintendent of Education we could not have gone through with the fair.

Signed: J. D. Boyd, T. J. Dillon, Maude Fortune, Della Alford, Marguerette Burney, F. A. White, Ruby Watts, C. P. Alford, Committee for the fair.

Officials of the Fair declared today they are elated over the cooperation they are receiving from all sources, and that they believe 1938 will prove the best year of Fair history, from standpoint of exhibits and entertainment.

The midway shows have brought new rides to delight every member of the family, and all concessions are designed to furnish "clean wholesome and safe fun," the officials say.

Perhaps the greatest improvements in the fair this year are in the three exhibition halls, where are located some of the most attractive, interesting and educational exhibits ever witnessed at the negro fair. Under the direction of home demontsration agents, these booths of textile, farm, dairy, 4-H community club exhibits, coming from practically every county in the state, are being praised by both negro and white visitors.

Monroe county has an especially attractive exhibition of clothes and household articles made from sacks. Coahoma county shows an arrangement of shrubs and flowers in a front yard. Grenada county has an interesting booth using as their slogan, "Move your garden into your pantry." Noxubee county has a wonderful display of clothing a family of five from food and feed bags, showing how 59 garments can be made at a total cost of $4.30 Other counties having interesting exhibits were: Tallahatchie, Oktibbeha, Lowndes, Copiah, Attala Jackson, Hinds, Rankin, Madison and Holmes.

Jackson, Miss. News
October 19, 1938

NEGRO FAIR'S RECORD DROPS

The "Bigger and Better Parade" boosted the attendance at the opening day of the twelfth annual Mississippi Negro State Fair to break all records Monday.

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Charlotte, N. C., Times
August 25, 1938

Colored Fair Is Announced Week Of October 10

The Southeastern Colored Fair Association anonunced this week that a colored fair will be held at Biddleville the week of October 10, with prize exhibits, a midway, free shows and many other attractions.

Bishop Dale, leader of the colored fair movement and president of the new corporation, announced that the association's charter had been granted and that Paul M. Waddill, with wide experience in managing successful fairs, had been secured to have charge of all arrangements. He is already at work arranging contracts and securing a carnival, and is certain that Bantley's All-American Shows will play the midway for the fair.

Officials elected by the colored fair association are John S. Davidson, first vice-president; Ned Davis, second vice-president; Audrey Robinson, secretary; Ed Norris, treasurer.

The premium list for the colored fair is now in the course of preparation and will be distributed over several of the nearby counties in North and South Carolina. Entries will be made by farmers, city handicraft workers, schools and communities and the usual line of fare exhibits.

This week the county commissioners granted the association the privilege of a free license for their carnival

Elizabeth City, N. C., Advance
October 3, 1938

Seventh Negro Fair Slated in November

Event To Begin at State Normal On First Friday of Next Month

The seventh annual Negro Fair in Pasquotank County will be held at the State Normal School on the first Friday and Saturday of November.

J. J. Mitchell, teacher of vocational agriculture at the P. W. Moore High School, Professor S. A. Haley, superintendent of the State Normal School farm and science teacher, are cooperating with Negro County Agent E. F. Colson with the hope of making this occasion educational and helpful to the people of this county. All of the colored schools of the city and county are urged to arrange exhibits for this fair.

"This year we have planned for the boys and girls to arrange their exhibits separately," said County Agent Colson. "In other words they are to compete with one another and not with the grown people."

The six fine pure-bred Jersey heifers which the First and Citizen's National Bank of this city enabled six Negro 4-H Club boys to own and raise for family milk cows, will be shown at this fair with the hope of increasing the interest of colored farmers in a better type of cattle.

The pure-bred heifers which James E. Boone won as a prize is expected to be there too.

Many Negro farmers in this county have pure-bred poultry and many entries will doubtless be made and this should be of special interest to the girls and women of the county.

"The live-at-home exhibits should surpass any that have been seen at previous fairs here and we expect to offer suitable prizes and premiums for all exhibits of merit," continued Colson.

"There will be good music and we are assured of an outstanding speaker who will enlighten and inspire all who will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him. We are asking for the moral support of the people of the city and county in order that we may hold a bigger and better fair than ever before," he concluded.

Lumberton, N. C., Robersonian
September 29, 1938

Community Fairs By Negro Groups

Variety of Premiums Offered for Fairs at Hilly Branch and Shannon-Panthersford.

On October 20 and 21 a community fair will be held at Hilly Branch colored school. A large variety of premiums is being offered to those who may compete for prizes.

One of the most outstanding exhibits by farmers will be calves sired by a pure-bred registered Jersey bull owned by a group of farmers of the Hilly Branch community. This bull won first prize at the county fair. The most outstanding exhibit to be put on by farm women will be canned goods.

Shannon and Panthersford will also hold a group fair October 27 and 28.

We are very anxious to have all of the men, women and 4-H club members take a part in the fair by having a large variety of products on exhibit.

The achievement day for 4-H club members will be held in connection with the fair.—E. B. Watts, home demonstration agent; S. T. Brooks, farm agent.

Shelby, N. C. Star
October 7, 1938

WINNERS NAMED AT NEGRO FAIR

A. W. Foster Gives Features Planned For Saturday

Rev. A W. Foster, secretary of the Cleveland county negro fair, today announced the winners of the major awards for best community and schools booths at the fair and said officials are looking for the biggest crowd of the week on Saturday.

Saturday's program will be featured at 2:00 p. m. by a motorcycle race and a race of model T Fords. Cyclists who have entered the event are listed by Shelton Feimster of Lawndale and Slim Ledbetter of Lawndale, James Boxwell of Washington, D. C., Mitt Padgett of Asheville, Everett Walker of Gastonia, Red Batter of Fayetteville, and Dutch Eskridge of Lawndale.

Football Games

In a football game there yesterday Charlotte defeated Shelby 13 to 0 and another game is being played today with the Gaffney, S. C. negro high school team.

Community booth winners were Patterson Springs, first and Shoal Creek, second: individual booths, James Camp, first, A. L. Lutz, second; clubs, Shelby Woman's club, first and the Young Matrons of the CME negro church, second, 4-H club of Borders school, third.

Schools: Cleveland high, first, Douglas, second; vocational, Douglas, first and Lincoln academy, second; 1-2 teacher units, Eskridge Grove, first and Polkville, second; 4-teacher schools, Cleveland elementary, first and Vance Grove, second.

Shelby, N. C. Star
October 4, 1938

Cleveland Negroes Plan Fair Opening, To Begin Tomorrow

Final preparations were under way today for the opening of the annual Cleveland county negro fair which will begin Wednesday and continue through Saturday at the fairgrounds.

The program announced today by Rev. A. W. Foster, secretary-treasurer and the Rev. N. J. Pass, general manager, says the Crystal Exposition Shows will be on the midway with nine rides and eight shows.

Negro communities and schools from all over the county were today putting in booths and displays which will compete for several hundred dollars worth of prizes being offered.

On Wednesday, the opening day, all negro school children will be admitted free; Thursday will be featured by a football game between Cleveland High School and Charlotte, and on Friday there will be another game with the Gaffney high school team.

Saturday will see two races, one in which Model T Fords will be entered and another for daredevil motorcyclists.

There will be a fireworks program each evening.

Charlotte, N. C. Observer
October 16, 1938

COLORED FAIR IS CONCLUDED

More Than 50,000 Attend First Negro Event Here; Plans Made For Next Year.

The Southeastern Colored Fair, first all-negro fair to be held in Charlotte, was brought to a successful close here last night when the largest crowd of the week ran attendance to well above the 50,000 mark, according to Harry E. Wilson, manager of the fair.

Bishop Dale, president of the fair, said that the fair board was well pleased with results and gave credit to Mr. Wilson for getting the fair up on short notice. Although the fair board had hoped only to break even on their first fair, it was understood that the fair mde a profit.

Dale said that already plans are being made for a bigger fair next year. It was understood that the colored fair group has been promised use of the permanent fairgrounds, proposed by the Charlotte Agricultural fair. Dale said that an expansion of the fair board was planned and that several new members will be added to the present board of 10. He said that manager of the fair will not be selected until the board is expanded, but it was understood that because of the success made by Mr. Wilson this year, he is being considered to manage the fair again next year.

27,309 PAID ADMISSIONS.

Mr. Wilson announced late last night that paid attendance for the fair was 27,309. This is only 17,000 under the attendance mark of 45,000 made recently by the Charlotte Agricultural fair.

George Lanning, one of the Sensational Royals, highpole act presented as a free act, set a new world's record last night for handstand atop a high pole. Lanning maintained a handstand on his 126-foot swaying pole for two minutes and 18 seconds, 12 seconds better than the world's record of two minutes and six seconds. Ella Carver, high fire diver, injured Thursday night in diving from a 70-feet pole into a five-foot tank of water, went through her act last night, tightly strapped. She had sustained a sprained wrist and bruised ribs when she landed improperly in making her dive.

BOXING WINNERS AWARDED.

Winners in the amateur boxing tournament concluded last night were awarded medals. Winners got gold-plated medals, and silver plated medals went to runners-up. Results: Lonnie Laney, 130, won the junior lightweight title by decisioning Jimmy Kirkpatrick, 132; in

the best bout of the evening Young Joe Louis, 138, decisioned Earl "Tiger Kid" Young, 135, to take the lightweight championship; Smiling Sam Brown, 148, knocked out Virgie Porter, 148, in the first round to win the welterweight title; Socko Stevens, 170, knocked out John Glenn, 180, in the first round to win the heavyweight medal. Earl Coston refereed. Arthur Anderson of the colored Y. M. C. A., directed the tourney.

Charlotte [illegible]
October [illegible], 1938

Southeastern Fair For Colored Will Be Big Event

With a great array of Agricultural, Educational, and Home exhibits, the First Annual Southeastern Colored Fair, will get under way at 10 A. M., this coming Monday, October 10th.

Plans for this event have been in the making for for several months, and the fair board, consisting of Bishop Dale as president, J. S. Davidson and Ned Davis, vice presidents; A. L. Robinson, secretary and Ed G. Harris, Treasurer, also the board of directors consisting of J. W. Brown, Arthur Anderson, J. W. Bumbray, W. O. Grier and H. B. Moss, have spared neither time, money nor effort to make this fair the first of what is planned to be an annual event. The big top which will house the hundreds of exhibits, arrived in Charlotte yesterday, and a crew of carpenters started immediately building the many booths, and by Friday, the booths will be finished and exhibits will be placed.

It is the plan of the fair board to have all exhibits in place for a preview this Sunday, in order that the public may see that the fair will be a real one.

There will be fifteen different departments in the exhibit tent, consisting of Agriculture, Horiculture, Educational, Ladies, Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Pantry and Dairy Supplies, Household, Old Ladies and Antique, Art, Craft, Floral, Boy Scouts and Curios, WPA, and a Miscellaneous department.

A large list of premiums is being offered and it has been announced that money for the premiums will be deposited in a local bank tomorrow, (Friday).

Featu ed on the mammoth midway will be Bantly's All American Shows, consisting of ten thrilling riding devices and ten entertaining shows, while the free act program will feature "The Sensational Royals," two boys who defy death by performing the seemingly impossible, while mounted at the topmost part of a 110 foot single pole, without the usual safety nets. This act is concluded with a "Slide for Life." Co-featuring with the Royals will be Ella Carver, of the famous Carver Diving Horse Family.

Miss Carver who is known as the International Lady Champion High Fire Diver, sets herself ablaze at the top of a 90 foot ladder, and dives into a tank containing less than five feet of water, after it has been saturated with gasoline and ignited.

These acts will take place twice each day, with no extra charge. Another feature will be the Mecklenburg County Colored Amateur Boxing Tournament, which will start at 7:30 P. M. Monday night with the eliminations, and continue until Saturday night, when the champions will be awarded beautiful medals. For this event, Arthur Anderson of the colored Y. M. C. A., who is in charge, has lined up a real bunch of fighters, and it is expected that this event itself will attract record crowds.

Although the gates will open at 10 A. M. Monday, the official opening will take place at 7 P. M., when the Drum and Bugle Corps of the Col. Charles Young Post No. 168, American Legion, with Bishop Dale as drum major, will parade from Tryon and Second streets to Trade street, then to the fairgrounds, where they will give those who have never seen him, a chance to see Bishop Dale, who has won many awards as a strutting drum major, in action.

Tuesday will be children's day, and free tickets of admission have already been distributed to the many colored schools. On this day the price on all riding devices will be reduced to five cents for children, until 6 P. M.

Judging of exhibits will take place at 10 A. M. Wednesday and checks will be mailed on the closing day or presented in person to exhibitors who are present.

All in all, this, the First Annual Southeastern Colored Fair, for which only ten cents admission is charged and no charge being made for parking, should attract record crowds and receive very favorable comment.

It is expected that although this is a colored fair, thousands of white persons will attend.

Remember the dates are from Monday, October 10 to Saturday, October 15th, inclusive and the fair grounds are located on the 1700 block, Oaklawn Avenue.

FAIR COMES TO TOWN, KIDS GET HOLIDAY

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 20 Special)—The Southern Colored Fair, the first exhibition of its kind ever held in this city, opened here during the forenoon Monday, to large crowds of visitors, following an elaborate preliminary parade headed by the drum and bugle corps of the Colonel Charles Young Post of the American Legion.

The event has attracted farmers and others from all sections of the state, in numbers that steadily increased each day, inspecting the numerous displays of home and farm exhibits, the latter including practically everything but livestock and enjoying the excellent midway attractions.

All school children of the city were admitted free of charge on Friday, pupils being dismissed at 1 o'clock in the afternoon in time to have lunch and reach the fair grounds for the special School Day program arranged for their benefit.

Laurinburg, N. C. Exchange
October 13, 1938

Colored Sandhill Fair Oct 25-29th

The 14th annual Progressive Sand Hill Fair of Scotland county is advertised for the week of October 25-29th, in upper Laurel Hill township on the J. W. Newton place. This fair is promoted and sponsored by a group of colored people of the county and has come to be an institution of permanence.

Exhibits of farm and home products, horse races, and a formal program are some of the features of the fair. There will also be mid-way attractions and the colored folks are expecting a big time during the days of October 25-29. They also invite white people to attend the fair and a number of the white folks have been visiting these fairs from year to year.

A. M. Newton is president and R. M. McLeod secretary of the fair. J. F. McNeill and L. E. McLeod are managers of the horse and other races, F. D. Newton is marshal, and Mrs. L. E. McLeod, P. F. Newton are committee on exhibits and Mrs. P. F. Newton and Mrs. F. J. McAllister are the committee on arrangements.

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North Carolina

Winston-Salem, N. C. Journal
October 11, 1938

Interracial Conference Set For Thursday at Salisbury

(Special to The Journal)

Salisbury, Oct. 10.—The North Carolina Commission on Interracial Co-operation will hold a religious conference here at the Evangelical and Reformed Church Thursday, October 13.

There will be afternoon and evening sessions, when speakers of state-wide importance will be presented.

This is the first of six conferences to be held this month in North Carolina. Other meetings will be held at Central Methodist Church, of Asheville, October 14; Fayetteville Normal School, October 21; parish house at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of Wilmington, October 26; New Bern, October 27, and Elizabeth City, October 28.

Rev. George T. Fitz, pastor of the host church, and Mrs. Rose D. Aggrey, vice chairman of the commission, are arranging the program. Livingstone College, Price High School, and Rowan county schools will assist in the music.

The interracial commission maintains offices at Raleigh, and has a membership of more than 2,000 persons prominent in the life of the state. Five governors, Morrison, McLean, Gardner, Ehringhaus and Hoey, in their respective administrations, have served as honorary chairmen.

The active state chairman is the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of North Carolina.

The purpose of the conference here will be the promotion of the following immediate aims of the commission:

Mutual goodwill and co-operation through better understanding.

Helping the Negro to help himself survive economically.

Further elimination of tuberculosis and social diseases.

Removing the differential in educational opportunity of Negro youth.

Adequate support of an institution for the delinquent Negro girls comparable to the one for white girls at Samarcand.

A separate state institution for the care and training of feebleminded Negro children.

Charlotte, N. C. Observer
October 12, 1938

MANY ATTEND COLORED FAIR

Officials Estimate 20,000 Persons On Hand in Single Day—Continues Through Week.

Approximately 20,000 persons visited the Southeastern Colored fair at its grounds on Oaklawn avenue yesterday on the observation of school children's day, officials estimated. Of the number, 9,000 were school children who had been admited free.

Large crowds thronged the show grounds both afternoon and night on the first full day of the first big-scale all-negro fair ever to hold forth here. Exhibits in a 60 by 90 foot tent at the entrance to the grounds drew admiration from many visitors.

At 4 o'clock free acts were presented and again at 10:30 o'clock last night. The free acts consist of Ella Carver, high fire diver, who sets herself on fire and dives from a 70-foot ladder into a 5-foot tank of water, which also has been set on fire; and the Sensational Royals, two boys who do acrobatics on a 110-foot pole without use of safety devices.

On the midway is Bantly's All-American Shows, consisting of 10 rides and 10 shows. Bishop Dale, local negro insurance man, is president of the fair association.

The first round of eliminations in the amateur colored boxing tournament being held in conjunction with the fair was run off last night. Matches will be held each night with the finals scheduled for Saturday night.

Fair officials estimated that of the 6,000 people on the grounds last night, 2,000 of them were white people. The fair is open to white as well as colored persons.

Charlotte, N. C. Observer
October 13, 1938

FAIR MANAGER LAUDS NEGROES

Lowrance Offers Use of Permanent Buildings to Be Erected Next Year.

B. Arp Lowrance, manager of the Charlotte Agricultural fair, which closed last Saturday, visited the Southeastern Colored Fair on Oaklawn avenue yesterday and was so pleased with what he found there that he told Bishop Dale, president, that he wanted the negro fair to use the permanent fairgrounds that will be erected by the Charlotte association next year.

Mr. Lowrance commended the exhibits that gorged the exhibit tent and also spoke highly of the attractions in general. He told the negro fair officials, Dale and J. S. Davidson, first vice president, that he would leave up decorations for the Charlotte fair next year and that he wanted the negro fair to move right in after the other had closed.

Approximately 7,000 persons visited the fair yesterday afternoon and night. Many of them were white persons. The throngs last night witnessed the free acts in which Ella Carver set herself on fire and dived into a five-foot tank from a 70-foot pole, and the Sensational Royals, two boys who do acrobatics on a 126-foot pole, gave the crowd a sensation when one of them held a handstand on top of the swaying 126-foot pole for a minute and 30 seconds. The world record is two minutes and six seconds.

Fair officials announced that a special children's school day will be held Saturday, with all school children being admitted free until 6 o'clock. He said that tickets have been distributed to city school children and that rural school children will be admitted without tickets. Rural schools are out now for cotton picking, and officials were unable to get tickets into the hands of the pupils.

Results of the bouts held last night in the Mecklenburg county Colored Amateur Boxing tournament: Lonnie Laney, 130, won a three-round decision over Jack Crawford, 130 pounds; Young Joe Louis, 138, won a decision over Earl Young, 138 pounds; Smiling Sam Brown, 150, knocked out Virgie Porter, 155, in the first round; Levi Owens, 161, won a knockout over James Carter, 163, in the third round, and Socko Stevens, 175, won a technical knockout over John Glenn, 180, in the second round when the referee, Earl Colston, stopped the fight.

Judges were all white men. They were James Smith of Key West, Fla., Sam Burgdoff of Philadelphia, Pa., and George Lanning of San Francisco, Calif. Another round of elimination bouts is scheduled for tonight. Friday semi-final bouts will be held, and Saturday night the finals will be run off. The bouts are being put on under supervision of Arthur Anderson, fair director and secretary of the negro Y. M. C. A. here.

Mooresville, N. C. Enterprise
October 27, 1938

Negro Fair Held At Mount Mourne

The Enterprise received last week a communication from one of South Iredell's leading farm women, Mrs. S. A. Duckworth, of Mount Mourne, who speaks encouragingly of the negro fair recently held at Mount Mourne. The article came too late for last week's paper, but we are giving it space this week. Mrs. Duckworth writes:

"One of the most outstanding and commendable affairs that has taken place in this community was the negro fair, put on by the colored people, assisted by their County Agent. The colored man has been called an "imitator," but, be that as it may, the fine agriculture exhibits displayed and so attractively arranged were a real eye opener to all who visited the fair. The building was decorated in red, white and blue. Practically every farm crop and garden vegetable was on display. The women had every kind of canned vegetable, fruit, preserves and jellies on display. Also there were a generous display of lovely cakes and pies, that would compete favorably with any fair. The quilts and handwork attracted much attention and comment. When everything was ready Mr. A. R. Morrow, County Agent, came down and judged the farm crops and talked to the men explaining why each product won the blue ribbon. The point so commendable is that they were not working for prizes, for none had been offered, it meant merely a friendly exhibit, to learn how the neighbor was getting along.

"The afternoon and evening was given over to fish frying, (more than 150 pounds being consumed) contests, and dancing. There was no rough house conduct and all in all it was a most commendable occasion."

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sentinel
October 17, 1938

Negro Area Plans Draw Opposition

A volley of protest will be levied at four proposals slated for consideration by the zoning board of adjustment at a special meeting tomorrow night, it appeared today.

Chief among three of the proposals pending zoning board action before final aldermanic action is the request of Lawrence Watt. He asks that the section lying on both sides of Derry street, beginning with lots on the south side of Twenty-first street and extending to the rear property line of lots fronting on the north side of Twenty-fourth street be rezoned from white to Negro residential area status. A petition bearing the signatures of 119 Greenway residents has been filed against the request. After receiving disapproval of his application at its first appearance before the zoning body, Watt asked the board of aldermen to refer the application back to the zoning body for a second consideration. This was granted.

Other Protests

Forty-seven residents have filed a petition asking the zoning board to send Mrs. Jessica T. Fogle's application to rezone a portion of a lot on Old Lexington road to the board of aldermen with disapproval.

The Gulf Oil Corporation's application to rezone the northeast corner of West First street and North Hawthorne Road from a white residential to a local business section will be opposed. This is the third of the proposals that will be referred to the aldermen for final action.

Eleven residents have filed protest to move to rezone a tract of land lying on both sides of Vine street, extending from Tenth to Eleventh street from a white to Negro residential area. The zoning board has been asked to set a hearing date for this request.

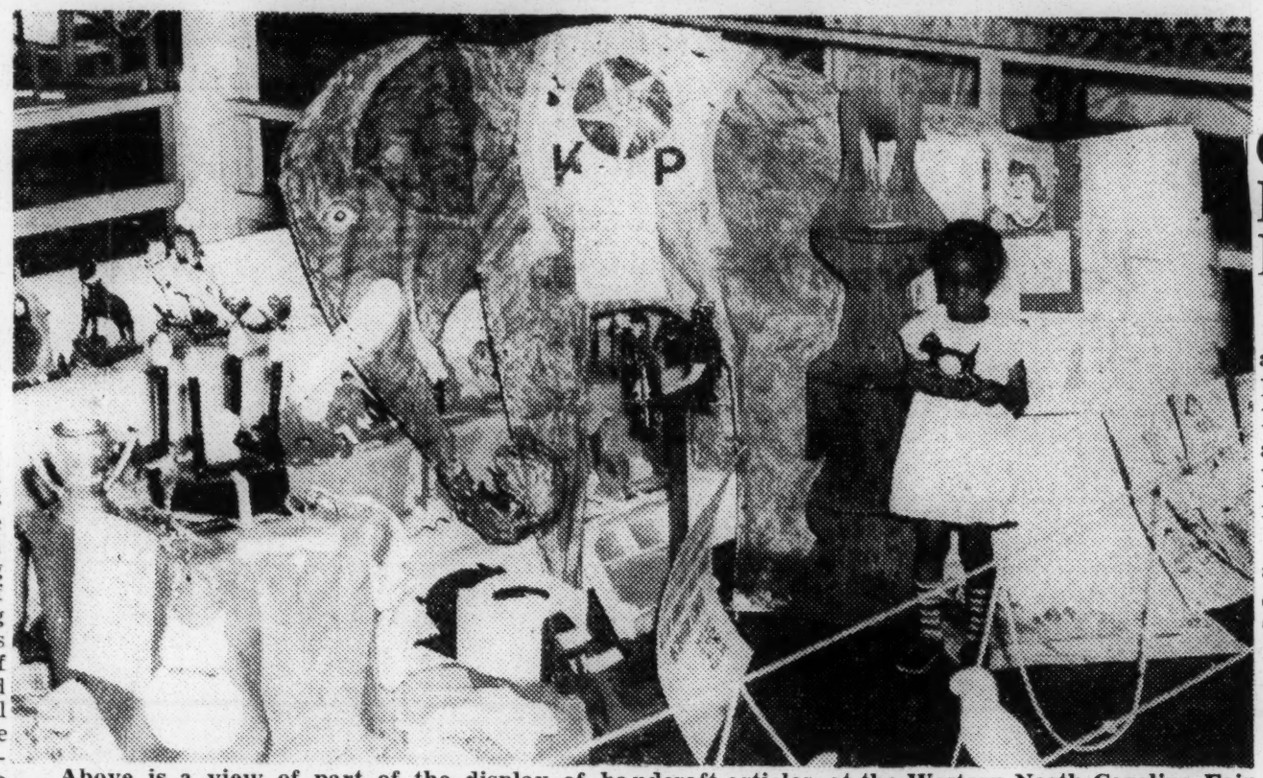
Reynolds' Application

The zoning board will pass on the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company's application to rezone a strip of land north of East Eighth street, extending from Gray avenue eastwardly to the city limits from a white to a Negro residential section. It will be referred to the board of aldermen for final disposition.

The zoning body will act finally on the request of the Dize Awning and Tent Company for permission to erect an addition to its building on South Main street.

The zoning meeting will be held in the council chamber at the city hall at 7:30 p.m.

Negro Handicraft Work Shown at Fair



Above is a view of part of the display of handcraft articles, at the Western North Carolina Fair here last week, made under the supervision of the recreation department at Kimberly Park Center. The handcraft classes, including woodwork, clay modeling, knitting, sewing, etc., are scheduled as regular part of the recreation program at the school, under the supervision of W. E. Pitts, Paul Clement and Mary Brown.—(Staff photo.)

Charlotte N. C. Times Nov. 3. 1938

Colored Achievement Day Will Be Held At Huntersville Nov. 11

The annual colored community fair and Achievement Day will be held at Huntersville high school this year on Friday, November 11, according to announcement made this week by I. D. L. Torrence, colored farm agent for Mecklenburg county.

The fair will have on exhibit the accomplishments of the community colored people for the last year and Torrence states that elaborate preparations are being made this year to make the affair an outstanding and attractive exhibit.

At noon on Achievement Day those in attendance will hear talks by Henry W. Harkey, county board chairman, B. Arp Lowrance, Charlotte Fair manager and Miss Eloise Rankin.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Advance
November 7, 1938

Pasquotank Negro Fair Wins High Praise From An Expert

C. R. Hudson of State Extension Service Says "300 Per Cent"

A litter of nine wriggling Chesapeake Bay retriever puppies; bulging, leafy cabbage heads; neatly patterned needlework that would do credit to a professional seamstress; sugar-cured hams, and scores of other wonders of farm and household caught the eye of the passerby Saturday at the Pasquotank County Negro Fair.

C. R. Hudson of the State Extension service pronounced the display of exhibits at State Normal a "300 per cent" improvement over the first Negro Fair held in this county seven years ago.

One Negro farmer proudly displayed a plate of butter, churned from the creamy milk of a Jersey cow sold him on installment payments by the First and Citizens National Bank.

Shucked and canned corn, fresh green vegetables peanuts, stock peas, vociferous chickens and geese, hooked rugs, crocheted doilies, gay-colored quilts, canned soup mixtures, fruits and jams, school exhibits in profusion bedecked the exhibit stands in the new rooms just added to the State Normal Administration building.

These were the evidence, declared Mr. Hudson, that the farmer, white or colored, should enjoy the "finest living" of any group in the country.

"Intelligent farming," he told the farmers and State Normal students who gathered in the auditorium, "will provide you a good living and some profit usually."

"Intelligent farming" he described as calling for good quality and breeds of farm animals, scientific use of fertilizer, careful cultivation and the ownership of at least part of the land he farms.

"No farmer can do his best unless he owns at least part of the land he cultivates," said Hudson.

Senator W. I. Halstead, who was presented by Wade Marr Sr., won the favor of the audience for his proposal that the State government owed it to the farmers to provide "more adequate roads" for those who live off the main highways.

The "means of transportation for the farmer should be equalized on a parity with others," said the State Senator.

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South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C. Record
October 25, 1938

Second Day of Negro Fair Finds Exhibits in Place

Upon the grounds cleared by the State fair last week was rapidly rising today the midway shows of W. C. Kaus, that has been secured by the South Carolina Negro fair to furnish entertainment and amusement for the 34th annual exhibition that will continue through Saturday.

Officials reported Monday afternoon that all available space in the half-acre steel building had been taken for the numerous exhibits that were being placed. 4-H clubs, churches, rural communities, colleges, schools, hospitals, state and federal agencies will have the most varied array of products and industry ever assembled in the history of the fair association.

The first two days of the exposition, admission at the turnstiles is free. By last night, nine rides, eight shows and more than 25 concessions of the Kaus shows were ready. Exhibitors began placing exhibits early Monday and were continuing today. Judges will determine the winners Wednesday. Many state and federal exhibits have been left in their places. Visitors will find these displays and many others most interesting, according to a statement of the building superintendent.

Wednesday begins the real big days of the fair. Under a special plan and arrangement with fair officials, churches, schools and rural communities will share in funds from the sale of tickets for Wednesday's program. Public school chidren, NYA and adult training students will be admittted free to the grounds Wednesday, when fifty jubilee choirs will hold a contest. Farm and 4-H club conferences will be held.

Thursday and Friday will be the big days for college and school crowds. Football will reign both days. Allen and Benedict will meet in a gridiron battle in the big stadium before a crowd that is expected to break all previous records for this annual classic.

Keen interest is centered in the two high school teams that fight on Friday. Mather academy, Camden, defeated Booker Washington high last year before a record attendance of four thousand. The Camdenites will be here again this year cheering their team which they hope will again quell the roaring "Tornadoes." All negro public schools in Columbia and vicinity will close and turn out to witness the hectic clash expected.

Weather permitting fair officials are already predicting the most successful exposition of their history with the close on Saturday, after premiums have been paid and the final directors meeting is held.

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South Carolina

Columbia, S. C. State
October 26, 1938

Wednesday Big Day at Negro Fair

Fifty Jubilee Choirs Will Compete; Meetings of Workers Planned

With the co-operation of churches, farmers and rural schools today the South Carolina State Negro Fair will present another of the special big days of the exposition.

According to a plan inaugurated this year for the first time, officials stated that 10,000 people are expected to pass through the gates today. Churches are selling tickets for the big day and many state and federal agencies along with 5,000 rural school children have been invited as guests of the fair association.

Fifty jubilee choirs selected from churches of Richland and adjacent counties will enter into an old-fashioned singing contest of jubilee songs and Negro spirituals. The contest will be held in the grandstand in front of the main gate entrances and will begin at 6 p. m. White spectators are invited to hear these singers.

Other special features for the big day include conferences by farm and home workers at noon. Also, a conference of NYA workers, CCC workers, and adult training students and teachers, who are to be special guests of the assosiation.

By last night exhibits had filled the spacious steel building and the W. C. Kaus shows were filled on the midway with throngs of gay visitors. Everything is ready for the Big Wednesday crowds and the two other big days, Thursday and Friday. Exhibits and shows are declared to be the most interesting in a decade.

Football will hold the spotlight on the final two big days. On College day, Thursday, Allen and Benedict will clash for city supremacy at 2:30 p. m. Friday, High School day, Mather academy, Camden, will meet Booker Washington, Columbia. These two athletic attractions are expected to draw an attendance that will jam the grounds Thursday and Friday.

Columbia, S. C. Record
October 27, 1938

Game Features Colored Fair

Allen and Benedict Meet at Stadium Today in Week's Climax

Benedict and Allen met at the fair grounds today in the annual football game that highlights College day at the South Carolina State Negro fair. This was the first time in several years that the two Columbia institutions have met at the fair.

Supporters of the two teams from all over the state were expected today and the big crowd began pouring into the fair grounds shortly after the gates opened at 9 o'clock. Besides the game the regular attractions of the midway and the exhibits in the steel building were expected to attract the thousands to the grounds.

White spectators can enter the Bluff road without going through the crowded main entrances and midway.

Officials of the fair declared that Wednesday had been a particularly successful day with the singing contest between 50 jubilee choirs featuring the day.

Churches, rural school, CCC and NYA workers, adult training teachers and students, 4-H club boys and girls all cooperated in making Big Wednesday a big success.

Mather academy of Camden and Booker Washington high of Columbia will meet Friday in the annual High School day football game. All negro public schools of the city will close to permit them to see this game.

The six-day exposition will close Saturday.

Columbia, S. C. Record
October 29, 1938

Negro State Fair Closes

Record Attendance Drawn During the Six Days of Exposition

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Fair directors and officers have set themselves to the task of making next year the greatest in fair history. Today directors meeting will close the exposition after exhibits have been released and premiums paid.

Greenville, S. C. News
October 18, 1938

Negro County Fair Will Open Tuesday

The Greenville county negro agricultural fair will open today and continue throughout the week.

Horse racing will be one of the features of the event. A high-diving act has also been secured.

Anderson, S. C. Independent Trib
October 25, 1938

NEGRO FAIR OPENS

COLUMBIA, Oct. 24—(AP) — The 34th annual South Carolina state colored fair opened today. A singing contest between 50 Jubilee choirs will be featured Wednesday.

Charleston, S. C. News & Courier
October 31, 1938

NEGRO FAIR WILL OPEN

Eleventh Annual Exhibition to Begin Here Tomorrow

The eleventh annual fair of the Charleston County Colored Farmers Agricultural and Industrial Educational association will open tomorrow at Harmon field and will continue through Saturday.

Exhibits from farms, schools and communities on John's, James, Wadmalaw and Edisto islands and McClellanville, in Charleston county, and a special exhibit from Moncks Corner have been entered. Midway shows and rides will be furnished by the W. C. Kaus shows.

Officers of the association are Hollen Black, president; J. L. Blake, secretary, and Samuel Faber, manager.

Columbia, S. C. State
October 29, 1938

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Columbia, S. C. Record
October 24, 1938

Gates Opened At Negro Fair

All Exhibits to Be Placed by Tuesday; Football Game Is Feature

The gates for the 34th annual South Carolina State Colored Fair swung open today with a record crowd expected to attend before the closing Saturday. There will be no admission charge today and Tuesday.

Exhibitors are beginning placing their displays today and by Tuesday evening all will be ready in the big steel building. The exhibits will include farm displays, handicraft and art work by rural, educational commercial exhibits. Prizes will be awarded Wednesday.

The midway of the Kause shows will be ready for the crowds this afternoon with many concessions, rides and other entertainment.

A feature of Wednesday's program will be the singing contest of 50 jubilee choirs with churches and schools sharing in the gate receipts for that day. Also on that day's program are a 4-H club conference and a farmers' meeting. Rural school children, teachers, NYA and adult training students will be admitted without charge.

Big Thursday will find Allen and Benedict meeting on the football field after an absence of eight years. The largest crowd ever to watch a negro college football game in the state is expected by officials.

Friday will be high school day all negro schools in Columbia and some from Richland county turning out. Mather academy of Camden and Booker Washington of Columbia will meet in the annual high school football game.

Colleges, schools, churches, rural communities and state and federal agencies are all cooperating in what officials declare will be the most successful exposition ever put on by the fair organization.

Charleston, S. C. News & Courier
November 2, 1938

NEGRO FAIR UNDER WAY

Eleventh Annual Exhibition Opens at Harmon Field

The Charleston County Colored Farmers Agricultural and Industrial Fair association opened its eleventh annual fair at Harmon field yesterday to continue through Saturday.

Exhibits from farms, schools and communities on John's, James, Wadmalaw and Edisto islands and McClellanville are included in the booths. These exhibits will be judged this afternoon at 3 o'clock. White persons are invited to attend the fair and the judging this afternoon, it was said last night.

Amusements are being furnished by the W. C. Kaus shows. This is the first year that the fair has been at Harmon field, where a new building was constructed recently. Previously, the fair was held in tents.

Columbia, S. C., State
October 24, 1938

South Carolina State Fair For Negroes Opens Today

Thirty-fourth Annual Exposition to Open Today. New Features Expected to Make Wednesday Biggest Drawing Card—Midway Offers Varied Attractions

Officials of the South Carolina State Negro Fair have announced a program for the 34th annual exposition that promises to attract a record attendance during the six days that begin here Monday.

New features for Wednesday have been scheduled that is expected to give the association another big day of attendance. Monday and Tuesday admittance at the turnstiles will be free.

A brilliant midway filled with side shows, rides and concessions will be ready by Monday evening. Officials have secured the Kaus shows for the midway attraction.

Exhibitors will begin placing displays Monday. By Tuesday evening the big steel building will be filled with products of the farm, the handicraft and art of rural communities, churches, schools, WPA agencies and educational commercial exhibits.

A panorama of products and performance will be viewed by the thousands of visitors expected here. Judges will place the blue, red and white tags on the winners Wednesday.

Churches and schools will share in gate receipts on Wednesday. In a contest churches are selling tickets for the Wednesday attractions that have been added as special features this year. Heading these new attractions will be the singing contest of 50 jubilee choirs. A 4-H club conference, a farmers' meeting and free admittance to rural school children, teachers, NYA and adult training students are expected to swell the attendance Wednesday.

After eight years absence, the Allen-Benedict annual football game has been secured as the athletic attraction for Big Thursday. The efforts of the fair executives were successful and the classic promises to attract the largest attendance ever to witness a Negro college football game in South Carolina. It will be the climactic event for both of the Columbia institutions. Other big events are sceduled on program for Thursday.

Friday is designated High School Day. All schools for Negroes in Columbia and some other Richland county schools will turn out in large numbers to witness an annual high school football game begun last year between Mather academy, Camden, and Booker Washington, Columbia. A record attendance is expected, according to an announcement of fair officials.

The co-operation already shown and expected by colleges, schools, churches, rural communities and the several state and federal agencies presages the most successful exposition since the fair organization 34 years ago.

Denmark, S. C., Herald
November 3, 1938

Negro Community Fair.

A community fair will be held at the Ehrhardt negro school Thursday and Friday of this week and will be sponsored by the Ehrhardt and Red Oak negro schools. Mayor B. C. White, Supt. O. W. Lancaster, J. E. Blanton, of Voorhees; M. F. Whitaker, president of State college; J. D. Marshall, negro farm agent, John P. Burgess, of State college, and others will make addresses. Ehrhardt business concerns will award prizes for outstanding exhibits. A mule race will be held Friday afternoon and there will be boxing bouts Thursday and Friday nights.

Bishopville, S. C., Messenger
November 3, 1938

THE LEE COUNTY FAIR A SUCCESS

Exhibits Good And Attractions Larger Than Ever Finances Encouraging

OUTLOOK FOR FAIR GOOD

The Lee County Fair came to a close Saturday night. It was a success from all angles. The finances came out at the right end, leaving, after all bills were paid, a nice nest egg. The exhibits were nicely arranged and did credit to the community. The attractions, the Bantley Shows, were larger than ever.

Follows the different exhibits: At the front entrance , to the left was the N. J. Laney farm implement exhibit. 2. At the right of the entrance was the Home Demonstration Department, with lots of pretty fancy work. 3. Lee County Boys' 4-H club work. 4. General Agricultural booth. 5. Ashland community. 6. Kyle and Wofford Josey farm exhibit. 7. C. W. Josey farm exhibit. 8. Colored schools of the county, something new for the fair, fancy work, farm products, canned goods, carpenter work. 9. Ashwood, farm, canned goods, fancy work, etc. 11. O'K Farm Products Corp., baby chicks, feeds, electric ranges. 12. WPA sewing, etc. 13. Lee county library. 14. Bishopville Garden Club, flowers. 15. S. C. State Forest Service with a relief map of stations showing the operation of the service. 16. WPA Recreation Project, model playground, girl scouts, "constructive use of leisure," "supervised play." 17. Thrift Shop WPA, fancy work, quilts, bed. 18. Farm Machinery, Max Traub & Son, just outside the back entrance 19. Moving pictures, (free) Lee County Health Dept. There were a number of good lunch stands which supplied the hungry and thirsty with whole some food and good drink. We understand that several leading concerns would have made exhibits but for lack of booth space.

Following is the premium list showing exhibits and awards:

Farm and Community Displays

Best display of products from one farm: 1st. C. W. Josey, $45.00; 2nd Wofford and Kyle Josey, $32.00.

Best display of products from one community: 1st Ashwood, $40.00; 2nd Fairview, $30.00; 3rd. Ashland, $20.00

Best display of vegetables from one farm: 1st. C. W. Josey, $5.00; 2nd Mrs. Florence Smith, $3.00; 3rd. F. L. Jones, $2.00.

Corn

Best 10 ear exhibit prolific corn: 1st. M. G. McDowell, $2.00; 2nd. C. W. Josey, $1.00.

Best single ear white corn: 1st. C. W. Josey, 50c; 2nd. M. G. McDowell, 25c.

Best 10-ear exhibit white corn: 1st. C. W. Josey, $1.00; 2nd. M. G. McDowell, 50c.

Best single ear of yellow corn: 1st. and 2nd. M. G. McDowell, 50c and 25c.

Best 10-ear exhibit of yellow corn: 1st. and 2nd. M. G. McDowell, $1.50 and 75c.

Small Grain

Best peck of any kind of oats: 1st. J. D. Humphries, 50c; 2nd. J. H. Barnes, 25c.

Best peck wheat: 1st. C. M. Stokes 50c; 2nd. C. C. Smith, 25c.

Best sheaf Fulghum oats: 1st. and 2nd. C. W. Josey, 50c and 25c.

Best sheaf Appler oats or any other oats, 1st. and 2nd. C. W. Josey, 50c and 25c.

Best sheaf rye: 1st. and 2nd. C. W. Josey, 50c and 25c.

Best sheaf wheat: 1st. and 2nd. C. W. Josey, 50c and 25c.

Peas and Beans

Best peck cow peas: 1st. F. L. Jones, 50c; 2nd. C. M. Stokes, 25c.

Best peck any other variety of velvet beans: 1st. and 2nd. C. W. Josey, 50c and 25c.

Best peck Soy beans: 1st. D. B. O'Kelly, 50c; 2nd. G. N. Jones, 25c.

Hay

Best bale of Soy bean hay: 1st. Roy Reames, Jr., $1.00; 2nd. Roy Reames, 75c.

Columbia, S. C., State
October 25, 1938

Exhibits at Negro State Fair Fill Steel Building

The midway of the W. C. Kaus shows was ready for the vanguard of visitors who turned out on the first day of the 34th annual exposition of the South Carolina State Negro Fair that began yesterday. Side shows, rides and numerous concessions filled the dazzling midway.

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Wednesday begins the real big days of the fair. Under a special plan and arrangement with fair officials, churches, schools and rural communities will share in funds raised from the sale of tickets for Wednesdays' program. Public school children, NYA and adult training students will be admitted free to the grounds Wednesday, when 50 jubilee choirs will hold a contest. Farm and 4-H club conferences will be held.

Thursday and Friday will be the big days for college and school crowds. King Football will reign both days. Allen and Benedict will meet in a gridiron battle in the big stadium before a crowd that is expected to break all previous records for this annual classic between these neighbors.

Keen interest is centered in the two high school teams that fight Friday. Mather academy, Camden, defeated Booker Washington high school last year before a record attendance of 5,000. The Camdenites will be here again this year cheering their team, which they hope will again quell the roaring "Tornadoes." All Negro public schools in Columbia and vicinity will close and turn out to witness the hectic clash expected.

Weather permitting, fair officials are already predicting the most successful exposition of their history with the close on Saturday. after premiums have been paid and the final directors' meeting is held.

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Memphis. Tenn.. Com'rcial Appeal
February 6, 1938

FAIR BOARD WILL MEET

Negro Group Reports First Surplus in History

Committees for the twenty-eighth year of the Colored Tri-State Fair Association will be appointed at a meeting of the board Saturday afternoon, Feb. 26, at the Congregational Church Community Center, McDowell and Walker.

The first surplus in the fair's history was reported last week at the board's meeting. A profit of $350 was made from gross receipts of $5680 at the 1937 fair, according to Dr. L. G. Patterson, secretary.

J. L. Campbell, president, announced Sept. 22-24 as the dates for the fair this year. The board members were re-elected and Dr. L. M. McCoy, Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss., and W. M. Womack, Jackson, Tenn., were elected new members.

Pulaski, Tenn., Record
July 6, 1938

NEGRO FAIR

N. N. Reynolds, president of the Giles County Colored Fair Association, announced today that the 31st annual fair will be held September 15, 16 and 17.

Mrs. Jane Short will leave Friday for Franklin, Ky. after visiting relatives here.

SUMNER COUNTY COLORED FAIR BEGINS AUG. 25

Gallatin, Tenn., (Special)—Catalogues have just been issued, posters put up, season tickets sold and a general announcement is being made throughout middle Tennessee about the Sumner County Colored Agricultural Fair that is to be held in this city Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 25, 26, 27, at the Colored Fair Grounds. It will be the thirty-second annual exhibition. The catalogue is one of the largest that has ever been printed and the space is splendidly patronized by the merchants of Gallatin and Sumner County. The catalogue tells what is to take place each day, morning, afternoon and night. Special messages and special invitations carrying these messages have been dispatched to all nearby towns. A large delegation is expected here from Nashville.

The announcement that all things are ready was sent out by the official board of officers and managers. The official representatives of the Fair Association this year consist of:

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Memphis, Tenn., Scimitar
August 30, 1938

NEGROES' FAIR WILL OPEN ON SEPT. 22

Live-at-Home Theme to Be Stressed at Exposition

The negro Tri-State Fair, which will open Sept. 22 and continue for three days, is stressing a live-at-home program, says Dr. L. G. Patterson, secretary of the fair association.

"We are encouraging the various groups to bring in community exhibits and show to the thousands of negroes in this territory the progress each community is making in this live-at-home program," he says.

Dr. Patterson believes prospects for this year's fair are better than for several years. Rev. J. L. Campbell, the president, is calling a directors' meeting for 4 p.m. Wednesday at 164 Beale.

ARKANSAS DAY OPENS NEGRO TRISTATE FAIR

Three-day Event Gets Under Way This Morning

BRIGHT PROSPECTS SEEN

Exhibits Will Reveal Progress Race Is Making in Agriculture—Vaudeville and Horse Show on Program

Showing the progress that negroes in the MidSouth are making in agriculture, the twenty-eighth annual Colored TriStates Fair will open at 9 o'clock this morning. The fair will close Saturday.

Dr. L. G. Patterson, secretary-manager, said last night that present indications are the fair will be well attended and the agricultural and livestock exhibit will be the best in the history of association.

Arkansas Day

Arkansas visitors will receive special tribute today as "Arkansas Day" is observed. The program includes a band concert in the Woman's Building at 11 o'clock and the baby show at 2 o'clock. A vaudeville show and horse races are scheduled for 4 o'clock in the afternoon. A show and fireworks display will be given at 9 o'clock tonight.

Cash prizes ranging from 25 cents to $25 will be awarded to farmers in the field crops contests. Special cash awards are also given in the livestock show.

Handicraft Displays

Negro women of the MidSouth will have an opportunity to display their handicraft in the women's exhibits. Special awards will be made for needlework, novelties, embroidery, lace, household fabrics, infant articles and a number of other departments, including pastries.

Tomorrow will be Tennessee and Children's Day with a 10-cent admission for the children.

Saturday will be Mississippi and Farmers' Day. With auto races and De O'Neal's Death Defiers as entertainment attractions.

Memphis, Tenn., Com'rcial Appeal
September 23, 1938

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4-H WORK OF INTEREST

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Memphis, Tenn., Com'rcial Appeal
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NEGRO TRISTATE FAIR BROUGHT TO A CLOSE

45,000 Estimated To Have Seen Annual Event

Surpassing in attendance and exhibits any negro fair held here in recent years, the Colored Tri-State Fair was concluded yesterday with a program highlighted by addresses by E. A. Miller of Washington and J. P. Davis of Little Rock, both Federal agriculture officials.

Dr. L. G. Patterson, who has been secretary for 28 years, announced that at least 45,000 attended the three-day fair. "This is considerably more than the attendance of last year," he added. "The fair was a success and plans are already under way for another next year."

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Clarkesville, Tenn., Leaf-Chronicle
October 10, 1938

Negro Fair Called Big Success

According to a statement made by the local colored farm and home agents, M. F. Harland and J. R. Branham, approximately 6,000 people attended the colored fair held here Friday and Saturday.

The agents and the fair management wish to thank the citizens of Clarksville and Montgomery County for their splendid cooperation in helping to make the fair a success.

A. B. Harmon, District Extension Agent who was present Saturday, praised the fair as an outstanding demonstration of cooperation on the part of Negro farm folk of Montgomery County and further stated that the fair was an outstanding credit to the Negroes of Montgomery County. It also demonstrated, Mr. Harmon said, the progress made by the Negroes of this county under the guidance of extension workers who have been provided to work directly with Negroes of this county for the last two and one-half years.

Mr. Matthews representing the state department of agriculture, stated that the fair was the best Negro Fair thus far witnessed in the State of Tennessee. Mr. Matthews was representing John M. Goodman, State Commissioner of Agriculture.

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Texas

RANGER, TEX. TIMES
AUG. 17, 1938 A25

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West Virginia

Montgomery, W. Va. News
September 9, 1938

PLANS SHAPED FOR NEGRO FAIR

Full Program Planned For Event Scheduled September 16 and 17

J. E. Jordan, WPA adult education teacher and member of the committee arranging the Negro Fair for Fayette County, slated for September 16 and 17, said that a full program of entertainment for Negroes will be held in the auditorium of Oak Hill High School following the exhibits during the daytime.

Contests for high school students and instrumental and vocal music will feature the evening's arrangements for those staying over from the two-day fair, which Jordan says is the most elaborate Negro event in recent history of the county.

State officials will be asked to speak at the auditorium in the afternoon of the event, including Governor Holt who will also speak at Mount Hope at the safety meet on that afternoon

Exhibits featuring all work by Negroes in the county will be placed before the public.

Dean L. Rickets, state director of the WPA, will speak at the afternoon session, also.

Friday night John W. Davis, president of West Virginia State College, will speak to the Negroes at the high school auditorium. All exhibits are to be placed in the city hall by special arrangements with the city council of Oak Hill.

L. A. Toney, former superintendent of Negro schools in Fayette County, has been asked to attend the meeting. Toney is now head of the colored division of the state extension schools from the department of agriculture.

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World's Fair. — New York.

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Chicago Defender 3-26-38 Herald Tribune

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Welumpka, Ala., Herald
October 20, 1938

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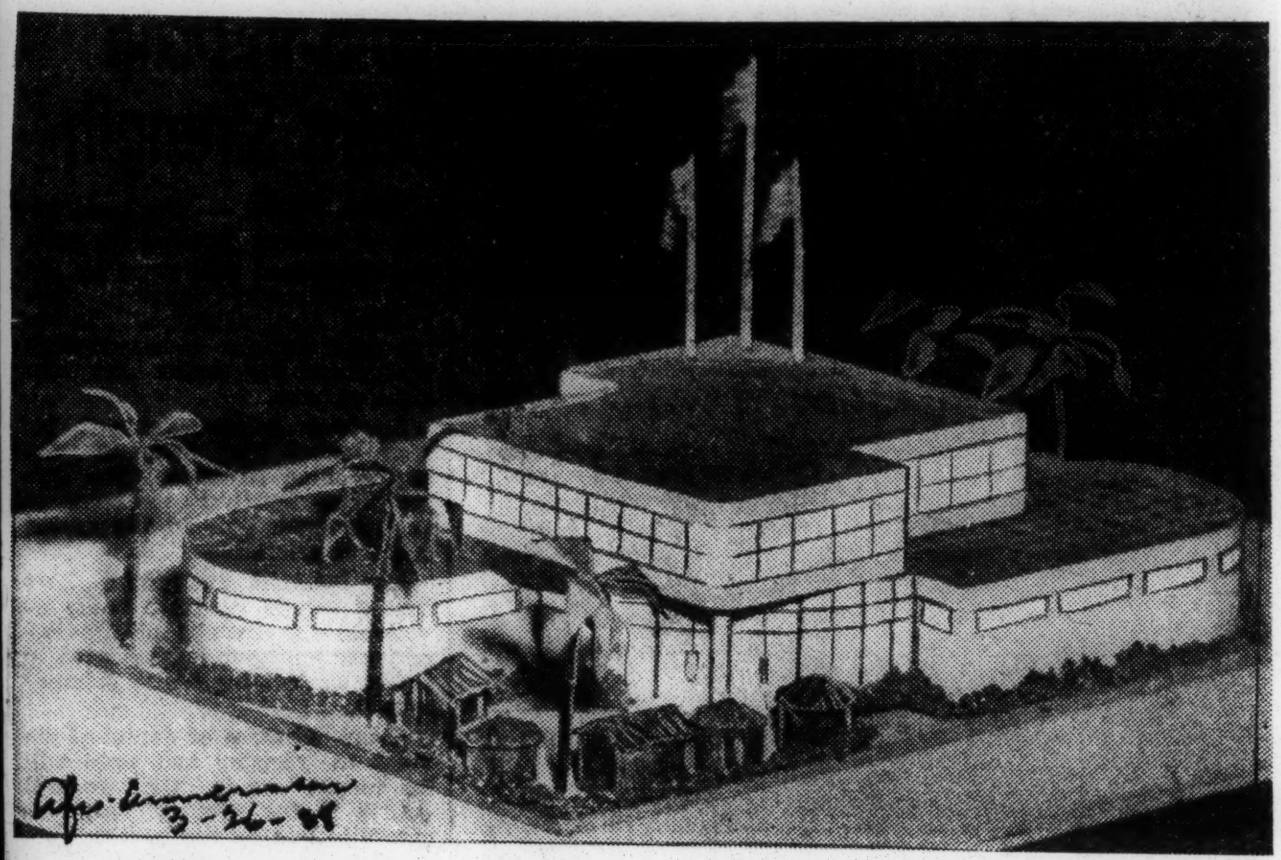

A model of Liberia's pavilion project for the New York World's Fair in 1939 which has been approved by the fair's board of design is shown above. Vertner W. Tandy, New York, is the architect. A view of the model shows the native village occupying one corner of the 15,000-square-foot plot, also the two roof terraces which will be part of the second floor restaurant, located above the central Hall of Good Will. African dishes will include ground nut stew (peanuts, chicken, herbs, cocoanut) and native beer.

LIBERIA PLANS EXHIBIT FOR WORLD'S FAIR

Designs Submitted for Building

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 31.—(ANP)—Plans and models for the Liberian Government Building, Vartner W. Tandy, architect, have been unanimously accepted by the Board of Design of the New York's World Fair Commission. Among those at the ceremony of approval, which recently took place at the offices of the commission in the Empire State Building, were Admiral W. H. Standley, Director of Foreign Participation; Lester A. Walton, American Minister to Liberia; Walter F. Walker, Liberian Consul at New York; Mr. Tandy, and Dr. L. L. Berry, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the A. M. E. church.

This was the second design submitted by a foreign government to be accepted, and Architect Tandy was highly complimented. The Liberian Building at the 1939 World's Fair will be 96 x 140. The first floor will be devoted to the exhibition of native products—rubber, piassava, coffee, cocoa, ginger, palm oil products and cola nuts. On the second floor will be the Liberian National Restaurant where will be featured the famous Liberian dishes, including ground-nut stew and palm fruit dishes.

In the main building will be a little theatre where will be shown native dancers and acrobats and motion pictures of Liberian life. Adjoining the building will be typical native villages where aborigines from Liberia will give exhibitions of dyeing, weaving, basket and leather work, and many other handicrafts.

Name Negro Lad To Police Dept. of N.Y. World's Fair

William Chisholm, 25, of 225 West 138th street, was appointed Friday, April 1 to the World's Fair Police Department at a salary of $1,560 a year, the first Negro to be named to that department and one of some three dozen policemen who are now employed.

Chisholm's name is now on both the New York City Police and Fire Dapartments civil service lists and he stands a good chance of appointment within the next year to the Fire Department. Recently he made application at the office of the World's Fair for employment as a policeman and on Friday his appointment was made.

A brother of Lieutenant Louis F. Chisholm, commander of Unit 3 of the Juvenile Aid Bureau of the Police Department, young Chisholm is an undergraduate of Syracuse University. He married Miss Dorothy B. Braddicks, daughter of Robert B. Braddicks, assistant vice-president of the Dunbar National Bank, and Mrs. Braddicks on February 19th.